

**REMARKS**

Pursuant to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures dated September 18, 2006, and in accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.821-1.825, a disk containing the SEQUENCE LISTING in computer readable form (CRF) and a paper copy of the SEQUENCE LISTING are submitted herewith.

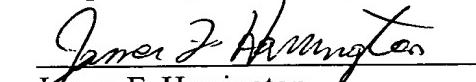
The Supplemental Preliminary Amendment amends the specification to assign SEQ. ID. NOs. to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences disclosed throughout the specification. More specifically, page 30 of the specification included two sequences that required SEQ. ID. NOs. These have now been identified as SEQ. ID. NOs. 67 and 68.

The transmission cover sheet includes a signed statement of equivalence of the CRF on disk and the attached SEQUENCE LISTING as required in 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.

No new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

The application is now in condition for examination, action is earnestly requested. If the examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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